**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A continuous recording controlling unit operable to perform a continuous recording process and store VOBUs broadcasted from N hours ago to the current time in the HDD. The recording apparatus receives a specification from the user as to which period of the recording between N hours ago and the current time can be retained. A protective attribute setting unit sets a protective attribute to a part of the HDD that corresponds to the period specified by the user. The continuous recording process is performed by overwriting one of the VOBUs recorded on the HDD with a newly obtained VOBU, but the part of the HDD to which the protective attribute is set is protected against overwriting.